


50 Ways to Anchor Technology in your Classroom TOMORROW



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Using Free Websites as Learning & Teaching Tools

1. Have students use Spelling City to learn their spelling words, vocabulary words, or site words through games, practice, and quizzes. Spelling City is a free resource for teachers.
www.spellingcity.com
2. Use Brain POP to show short, animated videos as a lesson opener. Brain POP is available in its original version (appropriate for grades 3-8), Brain POP Jr. (appropriate for grades K-3), Brain POP Español, and Brain POP ESL. There is a 30-day free trial available.
www.brainpop.com
3. Use Dove Whisper as a computer center in your classroom. This site contains Internet games for all subjects.
www.dovewhisper.com
4. Create flashcards for math facts, science vocabulary words, and more. Plus, you are able to find flashcards created by others.
www.flashcardexchange.com
5. Create a game show for your students to participate in as a review for an upcoming assessment. This site offers free templates.
people.uncw.edu/ertzbergerj/ppt_games.html
6. Students can track visitors to their blog, wiki, or website through Clustrmap. This tool can be used for an ongoing geography lesson.
www.clustrmap.com
7. Have students create a daily or weekly live broadcast on Ustream about school news, new concepts or original ideas.
www.ustream.tv
8. Enhance your predictions and inferencing lessons by having students create sequels/prequels to movies and books on Fanfiction. This may be more appropriate for secondary students.
www.fanfiction.net
9. Let students add free, copyright-free music to their presentations and movies through ccMixer.
www.ccmixer.org
10. Create custom game boards, customized dice, and many other printables to use in a variety of lessons.
www.toolsforeducators.com
11. Create videos that bring your lessons to life!
www.animoto.com/education

12. Have students create a comic strip using Make Beliefs Comix. Students can use this tool to show main idea, sequencing, predictions, and more!
www.makebeliefscomix.com
13. Introduce a new unit in reading with a vocabulary word cloud. Have the students guess what the unit/story will be about. Set a purpose for learning.
www.wordle.net
14. Find out what your students know before a unit or how much they've learned after a unit through an online survey. Surveys give students a way to give feedback quickly.
www.surveymonkey.com
15. Have students create a time line to have a visual representation.
www.readwritethink.org/materials/timeline
16. User KerPoof to allow your students to illustrate their writing, create a movie, and more!
www.kerpoof.com
17. Use Class Tools to randomly generate names, to show a countdown timer, to find graphic organizers, to create timelines, play puzzles and access other neat tools.
classtools.net
18. Have students create their "Wild Self". Use their creations for an intro into animal adaptations and habitats in science, or use them as a creative writing prompt.
www.buildyourwildself.com
19. Have an advanced student who is always done early? Let him or her get on Free Rice and practice challenging vocabulary!
www.freerice.com
20. Students can create animated videos at Flux Time Studio. They are able to save their videos and share them with others!
www.fluxtime.com

Using Free Websites for Management

21. Have students create a mii. Use their avatars in various ways, such as decorations, "all about me" assignments, and goal setting and tracking.
www.makewee.com
22. You and your students can increase productivity while conserving valuable computer memory and/or money used on flash drives or other storage devices by using Dropbox. Files can be accessed from anywhere!
www.dropbox.com
23. Help student projects to remain paperless with Evernote! Students can capture pictures, snapshots, webpages, and more and save them in an organized list on this site.
www.evernote.com
24. Create seating charts, groups, and randomly pick names within seconds! To maximize your use of this tool, take a couple minutes to create a class list that will be saved online.
www.superteachertools.com

25. Bookmark a list of educational websites for your students to access at home, in the school computer lab, in the classroom, or anywhere else they have Internet access!
www.sharinglinks.com
26. Create motivational posters for print or to put up on the projector.
www.bighugelabs.com
27. Create a rubric quickly with this site. Also, you can browse and edit pre-made rubrics.
rubistar.4teachers.org
28. Use Fur.ly to enter in multiple URL addresses. It will then convert the addresses into 1 short, simple URL. This would be great for student projects and more!
fur.ly
29. Use Jing to capture videos with narration of your computer screen. You can create tech tutorials for your students, or have them create videos for their peers!
www.jingproject.com
30. Create multimedia quizzes in minutes! You can attach them to your blog or class website.
www.mystudiyo.com

Using Web 2.0 Tools for Projects & More

31. Start a class blog on Kidblog, or let your students each have their own teacher-moderated blog. Students can discuss concepts, pose questions, and interact with each other. Settings allow for a safe web experience.
www.kidblog.com
32. Use ePals to connect to another classroom in the state, country, or even world! Students can do various projects with their long-distance peers or simply communicate to each other like pen pals.
www.epals.com
33. Students can collaborate with each other or with other students from different schools through Diigo. The site allows students to bookmark sites, create tags, make notes, and save discussions.
www.diigo.com
34. Have students create podcasts about science vocabulary words, math formulas, upcoming events, test strategies and more.
audacity.sourceforge.net (a free audio editor)
35. Have students publish information through wikis. Wikis can be used for all subjects and provide a flexible media for students to post text, pictures, videos, audio files, music, and more.
www.pbworks.com
sites.google.com

Using a Digital Camera in the Classroom

36. Create photo vocabulary cards for your ESL and SPED students.
37. Zoom in on an object until you are unable to tell what it is. Have students guess the mystery object as a lesson introduction or a creative writing prompt.

38. Tape a student's photo next to their name on their desk, so that other students and substitutes learn names.
39. Take your photo to send to the students before school starts as a "Welcome to ____ grade!" postcard.
40. Use a digital camera to create digital copies of student work when a scanner is not available.
41. Send students in small groups around the school on a scavenger hunt. For example, kindergarteners may take pictures of objects that begin with a "B", or fourth graders may take pictures of objects that make acute, right and obtuse angles.
42. Use a series of pictures to give steps and visual instructions. This is a great tool for primary and special needs students.

Using Digital Storytelling in the Classroom

Download Photo Story 3 for FREE at: www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/PhotoStory/default.msp

43. Have students create a digital story to tell about different story elements in a reading, show you geometric shapes they have learned, or report on important historical events or figures.
44. Load pictures from a story out of order, and then save the file as a project (.wp3). Have students rearrange the pictures to assess them for their understanding of sequencing.
45. Load pictures of a concept being studied, such as characters in a story or types of clouds. Allow students to open the project file (.wp3) and label the pictures. Also, they can add narration and give more information, such as definitions.
46. Have students create digital books by scanning/photographing their illustrations and adding narration.

Using a Slideshows in the Classroom

47. Create a jump slide for students to use as a center during a unit of study.
To create a jump slide using Microsoft Power Point, insert a graphic on your slide. Then, right click the picture or clip art, click "Hyperlink" and type the URL address into the "Address" box at the bottom.
48. Create a template for students to fill in using "Master Slide". With this feature, the structure of the project cannot be changed.

Using a Google Tools in the Classroom

49. Have students use Google Docs to collaborate on projects.
docs.google.com
50. Allow students to travel all over the Earth, into the stars, and undersea with Google Earth!
earth.google.com

